

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation Life Principle #10

If necessary, God will move heaven and earth to show us His will.

- How can you know for sure that you've heard Him correctly?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Is it consistent with the Word of God?
- Is it a wise decision?
- Can I honestly ask the Lord to help me achieve this?
- Do I have genuine peace about it?
- Does this decision fit who I am as a follower of Jesus?
Does it fit the Lord's overall plan for my life?
- Will this decision honor God?

How can you discover God's plan for you?

- **The Bible:** Apply scriptural truth so you won't drift away from God's will (Ps. 119:105).
- **Prayer:** The Lord promises to guide us when we pray according to His will (1 John 5:14-15).
- **Circumstances:** For a child of God, there is no such thing as coincidence. .
- **Godly counsel:** Before taking advice, make sure the person counseling you leads a righteous life. Ask, "What do you think the Word of God says I should do?"
- **Your conscience:** It is the moral filter of your life. Develop a godly conscience by saturating your mind with the Word of God, and your decisions will become more Christ-like over time.
- **Restless spirit:** Dr. Stanley has always felt restless before major life changes. When this happens, it's wise to ask God, "What are You saying to me?"

What are some hindrances to discovering God's will?

- **Self-will:** If you have already made up your mind, it will be difficult to hear what the Lord wants you to do.
- **The influence of others:** Others may comment that God wouldn't expect you to make such a large sacrifice—and thereby discourage you from obeying.
- **Ignorance of God's Word**
- **Unworthiness**
- **Fear**
- **Doubt**
- **Busyness**
- **Known Sin**